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FOR SORENSON FROM GEORGE DALLEY

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TAGS: SHUM

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: STATEMENT AT WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST
RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

REF: GENEVA 12352

1. ALTHOUGH US IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS SHOULD PREVENT US FROM JOINING WITH THE OTHER FOUR IN A NAMIBIA STATEMENT DELIVERED ON OUR BEHALF AT THE CONFERENCE. THE CENTRAL ROLE OF THE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP IN BRINGING ABOUT A NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT IS WELL-KNOWN AND WE SHOULD NOT APPEAR TO DEPART FROM OUR UNIFIED POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT. OUR SUPPORT FOR A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON NAMIBIA WOULD IN NO WAY CONSTITUTE US PARTICIPATION IN THE DELIBERATIONS OR ACTIVITIES OF THE CONFERENCE ITSELF.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY STATEMENT BY THE FIVE SHOULD EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT A SETTLEMENT, IN ACCORDANCE

WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385, HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY ALL PARTIES AND APPROVED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL (SECURITY COUNCIL RES. 431). THE STATEMENT SHOULD EMPHASIZE THE NECESSITY FOR ALL STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT FULLY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MARTTI AHTISAARI, IN IMPLEMENTING THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS TO BRING ABOUT AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA. (FYI: AHTISAARI AND A UN SURVEY TEAM ARE PRESENTLY IN NAMIBIA GATHERING INFORMATION WHICH WILL ASSIST THE SYG IN PREPARATION OF A MANDATE FOR THE UN PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA. WE EXPECT AHTISAARI TO RETURN TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEW YORK ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 24, AND HOPE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL MEET SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO APPROVE A MANDATE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST CONTINGENTS OF THE UN TRANSITION ASSISTANCE GROUP IN NAMIBIA IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. END FYI)

3. WESTERN STATEMENT SHOULD ALSO NOTE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 432 (BEING REPEATED TO GENEVA) WHICH CALLS FOR THE REINTEGRATION OF WALVIS BAY INTO NAMIBIA. WESTERN POSITION SHOULD EMPHASIZE OUR COMMON STANCE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS REFLECTED IN VANCE STATEMENT (BEING REPEATED TO GENEVA) WHICH WAS THAT REINTEGRATION SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA AND THAT NO POSITION ON LEGAL MERITS OF WALVIS BAY DISPUTE SHOULD BE TAKEN BY WESTERN FIVE.

4. WE FEEL IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD TAKE NO POSITION WHICH COULD FURTHER COMPLICATE THE NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT DURING THIS DELICATE PERIOD BEFORE APPROVAL OF A MANDATE. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON CONFERENCE INTENTIONS, IT SEEMS POSSIBLE

THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL HEAR CALLS FOR SUCH MEASURES AS
CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IF THE SETTLE-
MENT EFFORT SHOULD FAIL, OR STATEMENTS REAFFIRMING THE
AFRICAN POSITION THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF
NAMIBIA AND THAT RECENT SOUTH AFRICAN MOVES TO "ANNEX"
WALVIS BAY ARE ILLEGAL. NEVERTHELESS, YOU SHOULD URGE
THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FIVE TO USE WHATEVER INFLUENCE
THEY MAY HAVE TO ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT ANY CONFERENCE
DOCUMENTS RELATED TO NAMIBIA LIMIT THEMSELVES TO STATE-
MENTS OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED
SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL AND OF THE EFFORTS OF THE UN IN THIS
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